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1. NEWSWEEK ITEM IS INACCURATE IN SEVERAL RESPECTS, AND FOR THE RECORD, HERE IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE BASIS I KNOW FOR REPORT.

2. WHILE IN NEW YORK LAST OCTOBER ON CONSULATATION, I MET, AS I DO REGULARLY, WITH A GROUP OF JEWISH LEADERS, INCLUDING SAM TANNENBAUM, WHO IS ACTIVE IN JEWISH CAUSES. HE CALLED ME ASIDE AND SAID THAT MOSHI DAYAN WOULD LIKE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH PRINCE SAUD DURING THE PRINCE'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WOULD OCCUR IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND ASKED IF I COULD ASSIST IN MAKING SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.

3. I TOLD MR. TANNENBAUM THAT I HAD NO PART IN ARRANGING PRINCE SAUD'S SCHEDULE WHILE IN THE U.S. AND SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR ALIREZA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED.

4. UPON MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON THE NEXT DAY, I INFORMED AMBASSADOR ALIREZA OF THE CONVERSATION AND EMPHASIZED TO HIM FIRST THAT SINCE I DID NOT KNOW IF MR. TANNENBAUM COULD SPEAK WITH ANY AUTHORITY AND, SECOND, THE QUESTION OF SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE SO SENSITIVE THAT I DID NOT WISH TO BE
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INVOLVED SO HAD REFERRED THE MATTER TO HIM.

5. AMBASSADOR ALIREZA RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS NOT A NEW MATTER AS ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH HIGH SAUDI OFFICIALS WERE COMMONPLACE, INCLUDING AN ATTEMPT WHICH WAS THEN BEING MADE BY A U.S. SENATOR THROUGH HIM TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN SAUD AND DAYAN. AMBASSADOR

ALIREZA SAID HE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND SUCH A MEETING AND WAS SURE THAT PRINCE SAUD WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED.

6. AS I RECALL, I MENTIONED THE INCIDENT TO EITHER FRED GERLACH OR JOE TWINAM AND HAVE HAD NO FURTHER CONVERSATION ABOUT IT SINCE THAT TIME. I AM FRANKLY PUZZLED AS TO HOW IT REACHED THE COLUMNS OF NEWSWEEK AS I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED IT WITH ANYONE SINCE THE ALIREZA CONVERSATION LAST OCTOBER. WEST

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